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# CHINESE COMMUNISTS SEE WAR AS ONLY SOLUTION

## CHINA EMBARGO LIFTED

Lake Success, Dec. 8. General Director Fiorella LaGuardia of UNRRA announced today that the embargo on UNRRA shipments to China had been lifted "except for a few items which China is not yet prepared to receive."

He said his action was taken as a result of "continued improvement of the rate of distribution of supplies within China particularly the present satisfactory state of port clearance."

He added "a system has been perfected under which the UNRRA China office will regulate the flow of supplies from month to month in accordance with China's ability to distribute them."—Associated Press.

## "Unfair On Denmark"

Lake Success, Dec. 7. UNRRA's Director General, Fiorella LaGuardia, today called the attention of the Allied Control Commission in Berlin to the continued existence in Denmark of 200,000 Germans brought there by the Nazis during the war.

His message said: "This is manifestly unfair and an unjust burden upon the people of Denmark and requires immediate attention. Denmark is making an heroic struggle in recovery and rehabilitation. These 200,000 Germans are not contributing to the economy of the country."

"On the contrary they are a drain costing 240,000,000 kroner which equals about 15 per cent of the total national budget. Denmark is a homogeneous country and cannot and justly does not want these people to infiltrate into the life of the country. It has been patient and silent so long I feel it my duty to call this urgent matter to your attention and consideration."—Reuter.

Shanghai, Dec. 8. Fifty-five suspects accused of participation in the citywide riots last week appeared for preliminary hearing yesterday before the district procurator on charges of seeking to incite disturbances and inflict injuries on policemen.—United Press.

The police are searching for a Chinese Major-General named Ho, who is said to have broken quarantine regulations and come ashore from the ss. "Wingsang" without being passed by the medical authorities. He was last seen wearing a khaki shirt and shorts, with no insignia, and in the event of his being seen and Forces HQ, is to be notified.

Nanking, Dec. 8. Chinese Communist leaders are looking toward war as the only means of settling China's internal conflict and the strength of the Chinese Red army has been increasing steadily since June, a usually well informed Communist source said today.

Discussing Chou En-lai's letter to General George C. Marshall, naming two "impossible conditions" for resumption of the peace negotiations, the source said "it appears fundamental that with the Kuomintang destroying peace decisions by holding the unilateral National Assembly all basis for further talks has ended."

He added "this has been clear since the June ceasefire was ignored. Since that date all units of the Communist army have been increasing in strength of numbers."

The source declined to estimate the present size of the Communist war machine but Government sources placed it at slightly less than 1,000,000 men plus a substantial militia four months ago.

The primary question of the day is not whether the Communists want Marshall and Ambassador Leighton Stuart to remain as mediators but whether anything is left to mediate, the source said, adding it is evident the Government will reject Chou En-lai's offer from Yenan that negotiations might start anew if Chiang Kai-shek is willing to dissolve the National Assembly and return his troops to their Jan. 13 positions.

## Noting To Mediate

Confirming that Marshall asked the Communists for a categorical yes or no answer to the question whether they wanted Marshall and Stuart to continue their mediation, this source said no direct answer had been forthcoming "because there was nothing left to mediate."

The source said the Communists are waiting for the time when the Reds are strong enough to take the offensive and win back territory and they are not trying to keep the Kuomintang involved in war until the Government collapses from economic causes.

The statement of the Communists' strength tallies with a declaration Communist Chief of Staff Chu Teh made to Associated Press Correspondent John Roderick at Yenan that the Red army is on the increase but is still not able to stand up against the Kuomintang in a decisive battle and must continue guerrilla tactics.

## Marshall Denial

The statement echoes Yenan's "Emancipation Daily" editorial claiming the fifth month of the civil war was marked by the passing of the initiative from the hands of Chiang's troops to the popular armies in the liberated areas. Meanwhile, published reports (not by the

## Puppet Spied On The Japs

Manila, Dec. 8. Ewald Selph, of Los Angeles, Calif., a prominent attorney in Manila the past 20 years, told the Evening News today that President Manuel Roxas sent him secret information on the Japanese puppet government during the occupation.

When Selph was repatriated from Santo Tomas internment camp in September of 1943 he was able to give the United States military data on troop dispositions and Filipino loyalty to America, the paper said.

Selph's law partner, Antonio Carrascano acted as intermediary to take a position as superintendent of St. Joseph's Hospital to enable him to enter the internment camp and supply Selph with information gleaned from Roxas.—Associated Press.

## Readers' Letters

### "Anti-British"

Sir—Since the publication of my letter on Saturday it has come to my notice that on Friday afternoon at a meeting held in a Hong Kong Restaurant, the Chairman of the so-called "Shumchun Villagers' Aid to Cheung Tim-cheung Committee" invited contributions to finance a propaganda campaign regarding the accidental shooting of the village, to assist the family of the deceased, and to erect a monument to perpetuate his memory. It was stated that subscriptions could be sent care of the "National Times."

Am I correct in supposing that the "National Times" is the Kuomintang official organ in this Colony, and the mouthpiece of the Chinese Ministry of Information? If so might I ask whether it is consistent with international amity for an officially sponsored Chinese journal to raise funds for the avowed purpose of anti-British propaganda? Whether or not its status is as suggested above, the British authorities intend to acquiesce in this flagrant attempt to inflame anti-British feeling by a local Chinese newspaper?

FIAT JUSTITIA.

### Becoming A Habit?

Sir—I should like, through the medium of your paper, to draw attention to the extreme shortage of police in the vicinity of Stubbs Road and which I would appreciate greatly if you would publish. On Saturday night at about 3.45 a.m. I was awakened by about half a dozen looters who broke into my home and had already got away with half a dozen winter suits and four summer

### "Rubbish"

Sir—We write to you regarding the sale of roses for the St. Vincent's Fund which took place recently in the Colony. It is a well known fact that the British Servicemen is given the "Cold Shoulder" wherever he goes in the Colony and yet he is the first person to be approached when any help is required for different funds.

With all the money that is in this Colony it should not be necessary to approach Servicemen for assistance. If ever we see any person place his excellent car at the disposal of a so-called poor person, or take that poor person into one of these exquisite hotels to dine with him, then we will all be quite willing to turn over a month's pay to any fund you care to mention.

As far as we can see the only reason that so many people are "starving" is because they are too idle to help themselves and taking into consideration that our own people at home are also on short rations, we say RUBBISH! THE ROYALS.

### SINO-BRITISH CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Sino-British Club will take place at St. John's Hall on Wednesday at 5.30 p.m.

It is hoped that one of the Trade Mission which will be present in the Colony will give a talk. In the event of this not being possible Professor Lo will talk on "The Historical Events Leading Up To The Double Tenth."

Members are reminded that subscriptions for the current quarter are now due. Membership cards will be issued on Wednesday, by the Secretary-Treasurer, who will receive subscriptions at the same time.

### FISH PRICES

The following was the average wholesale price of fresh sea fish per catty during the week ending Dec. 6:

Fresh Fish	Sale Price
Yellow Croaker	1.10
Golden Thread	1.25
Groupers	1.10
Red Snapper	1.05
Horse Head	1.10
Red Sea Bream	1.20
Goat Fish	1.10
Black Fish	1.10
Coconut Fish	1.10
Shrimp	1.10
Crabs	1.10
Clams	1.10

Singapore, Dec. 8. A small Japanese flag was found draped on the folded arm of the statue of Sir Thomas Raffles, in Empress Place, yesterday. It remained there until noon when a servant from the nearby Government offices removed it with the help of a ladder.—Reuter.

## British Trade Mission

Voting members' reservations for the British Trade Mission luncheon in the Hong Kong Hotel on Thursday have been fully booked and reservations for associate members and their friends only are now available, the Council of the Anglo-Chinese Economic Association of Hong Kong informed the "China Mail" last night.

Formed primarily to promote economic understanding and co-operation between the peoples of China and Britain in Hong Kong, China and abroad, the Anglo-Chinese Economic Association, with Mr. S. H. Dodwell as its chairman and Mr. Luie Yum-sun (chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and a former Chinese Government official) as Vice-Chairman, is governed by a Council composed of D. Benson, manager of the Mercantile Bank of India; C. Clemo, general manager of China Light & Power; N. V. A. Croucher, chairman Hong Kong Stock Exchange; E. R. Hill, manager of the Bank of China; L. Kadoorie; G. Miskin, director of the Hong Kong Bank and managing director of Gilman & Co.; C. H. Chang, Deputy Chinese Postal Commissioner; A. A. Chen, managing director of China Associates Corp.; C. Y. Chen, chairman Luk Hoi Tong Banking, Insurance & Real Estate Cos.; P. Y. Lo, manager of the Bank of China; M. Quincey Wong, exchange manager Bank of China; M. S. Soo, sub-manager Butterfield & Swire.

The "China Mail" was informed last night that the Association intends to extend its activities to other places where Britons and Chinese may become associate members and carry on activities similar to those of the parent body in Hong Kong.

On Friday last, Prime Minister T. V. Soong cabled the Association: "Let me wish you every success."

In Canton. The British Trade Mission met members of the Provincial Department of Construction and local bankers yesterday for discussions on the establishment of a copper and iron factory here.

Earlier yesterday the Mission visited the National Sun Yat-sen University. They will proceed to Shantou District today to inspect the silk industry there.

Sir Leslie Boyce, leader of the Mission, is scheduled to leave for Hong Kong tomorrow with a part of the Mission while the remaining members will proceed to Swatow to cover their inspection in South China.—Central News.

Philadelphia, Dec. 8. The American Friends Service Committee announced today that the first foreign relief workers permitted to operate behind the Chinese Communist lines had arrived in Yenan with medical supplies.—United Press.

# Shanghai's Economic Bubble Will Soon Burst

Shanghai, Dec. 8. Responsible business quarters are unanimous in predicting that Shanghai's economic bubble, blown fat by get-rich-quick borrowing at exorbitant interest rates, is due to burst around the traditional Chinese debt-settlement season in late January.

In its wake, they say, the collapse will leave a trail of bankruptcies, acute labour unrest and general business depression through out the country which may set back China's postwar economic recovery two or three years.

Informed sources believe that the wave of business closures arising from inability to settle accounts before the Chinese New Year will drag down thirty to forty per cent of all local Chinese, and a sizeable number of foreign concerns—mostly small and medium-sized firms that form the "backbone" of business. These sources estimated the extent of the Shanghai collapse at anywhere from US\$60,000,000 to US\$100,000,000.

One American business leader said the resultant depression—accompanied by aggravated hardships for the populace and dangerously explosive labour agitation—will be a crippling blow to China's hopes for economic rehabilitation since Shanghai handles 90 per cent of the country's imports and 80 per cent of her exports.

"And this is the first time in all my 15 years in China that I have been so pessimistic," this businessman added.

Long-time Shanghai residents, polled by the United Press, blamed the anticipated collapse in large measure on what they regarded as China's purely restrictive and inefficiently enforced economic policy, which has entangled all normal trade while leaving loopholes for a gamblers' field-day.

While solid trade recovery has been largely stymied, mushrooming Chinese firms borrowed capital on the black market at interest rate—often compounded—as high as 15 to 25 per cent per month, in order to make quick swollen profits from American plastic gadgets and other non-essential items dumped on the market.

## The Payoff

Then came the payoff which had been threatening ever since the first black marketeer hoarded the first case of American cigarettes in the first speculative wave of the war days. Shanghai became glutted with these goods, and their price fell.

For over a month now the Chinese press has daily reported closures of business "caught" with such stocks on hand—unable to dispose of them locally, unable to ship them to outports or the interior at a profit due to high freight charges and "squeeze" requirements, and unable to pay back the accumulated interest.

The situation has reached a point where, for example, one firm has had to pay \$2.20 in interest on every \$1 it borrowed, but cannot sell its goods even for the original \$1; where item imported from the United States could now be sold back to United States consumers for a 15 to 20 per cent profit (this is largely theoretical, since for many items export licenses would not be granted); where a hapless owner of sulfa drug stock dreams wistfully of this theoretical solution, while at the same time sulfa drugs are badly needed all over China.

Business in Shanghai is being accompanied by closures of firms and native industries in the outports and the interior.

## Worst Hotels Fire In U.S. History

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balances. Many of the 255 guests in the 194 rooms of the hotel died of suffocation.

## Five Young Girls

In one room were the bodies of five young girls. In another, firemen found the bodies of a woman and three children.

Emergency mortuaries were established in various parts of the city and the count of the dead was difficult.

The Municipal morgue at Grady Hospital reported having 34 bodies and that it could not take any more.

With the flames finally under control, firemen kept up a steady procession bringing the dead and injured from the building.

Among the survivors were Major General and Mrs. P. W. Baugh of Washington, D.C.

A Red Cross official said that it would be difficult to obtain names because most of the bodies were in night clothes and many were burned beyond recognition.

Police Chief M. A. Hornsby said that "at least 25 or 30 persons were killed by leaping from the windows."

The fire apparently started between the fourth and sixth floors of the concrete and brick structure about 8:15 GMT.

Police Captain L. J. Carroll, who was among the first to reach the building, said that he found all the lifts stalled. He said he fought his way to the seventh floor, kicking doors to arouse the guests.

Jumped To Her Death. Nelson Thatch, chief room clerk, who lived on the sixth floor of the hotel, told of pleading with a woman on the fifth floor not to jump. But he later saw her throw herself from a window ledge, apparently to her death in a dark alley below.

Thatch related that he saw "many others" jump, also, into recesses between the buildings.

A tour of the upper stories after the flames were brought under control showed bedrooms of charred furniture. The air was heavy with the odour of burning flesh.

Among the guests in the building were 50 girls attending a state young peoples' convention.

Along with the stories of terror came tales of heroic rescue and narrow escapes. One 16-year-old girl, Betty Huley, said she climbed to a ledge outside her upper-story room.

Betty said: "Three windows away on my floor, two other girls were huddled. Firemen were trying to reach them. I gripped my teeth and walked the ledge to where the other girls were. They firemen came up and got us down."

## Hysterical

Mrs. A. R. Minnix was rescued from a room on the fifth floor. She was hysterical because her 15-year-old son—Rutledge—was trapped on the 11th floor.

L. W. Cochran and his wife of Miami, Florida, escaped by clinging on sheets from the top floor to the eighth. There, the flames set the sheets on fire. Mrs. Cochran said that the next thing she knew was when firemen brought her down. Cochran later joined her on the street.

A city fireman saw a mother throw her two children, a boy and a girl, to their deaths from the 11th floor, then jump to her own death.

Two-year-old Anne Turk was held outside of a window of fifth floor room by her parents until firemen erected an escape ladder. Both she and her parents were saved.

Bodies were found on every floor above the third. Actual fire damage was confined to the southwest side from the third floor to the roof. The building faces north. Those not in the direct path of the flames were suffocated in their rooms.—Associated Press.

## Projected Air Lines

Taipei, Dec. 8. The Central Air Transport Corporation announces the following projected air lines in the near future.

1. The Fochow-Taipei line via Amoy and Tainan.

2. The Taipei-Shanghai line via Amoy and Canton.

More than 160 planes are now ready for operating a network of air lines covering the whole of China and the Corporation expects to extend its services later to the Philippines and Malaya.—Central News.

New Year and strongly cautioned labour against "killing the goose that lays golden eggs."

It was reported that several large establishments under the pressure of heavy losses are contemplating liquidation.

Shanghai, Dec. 8. Major K. C. Wu, advocated close cooperation between capital and labour to tide over the



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## Surprise Drive In N.W. Honan

Nanking, Dec. 8. A powerful Communist force, under the famous one-eyed General Lin Po-chen in a surprise manoeuvre, raced down from the Taihang area in Shanxi to the rich coal-mining northwestern corner of Honan, throwing the entire region into confusion, the Hsin Min Pao reported today.

The area was recaptured by the Government only two months ago.

It was reported that hostilities broke out all over the district. General Lin Po-chen's troops were said to have captured two important Nationalist-occupied towns—Tayuan and Wenhsien—northwest and west of Kaileng respectively.

The Communists were also reported to have captured four small points which the newspaper named as Yangcheng, Munsing, Taotsun and Hungghiao.

The Nationalists were rushing emergency measures and all Yellow River crossings between Lo-yang and Kaileng were closed by heavy guards. The Government forces, also, lifted the Communist

blockade of Pailien in south Shanxi and recaptured Hsichien, north of Pailien.

In North Kiangsu, the Nationalists reportedly assaulted Wu-yu-chien, nine miles south of Encheng. Ten thousand Communists had massed at the Lipaochiao area near Hsiao, which is northeast of Chenkiang. The Communists were also reported to be massing to threaten Taihsien and Taihang.

The Communist forces in east Honan were said to be regrouping for a winter offensive. They were divided into four columns with 20 regiments each for the purposes of mobility.—United Press.



## Boy Scouts Welcome Commissioner

At the La Salle College playground on Saturday evening approximately 1,000 scouts and scouters gathered to welcome their Colony Commissioner, the Right Rev. Bishop Halward.

The ceremony began with an inspection and a march past, after which the returning Commissioner declared the campfire open.

During the evening the boys had an excellent time singing and watching items presented by other groups. The star turn of the evening was given by the Rovers of the 17th Kowloon, led by Mr. F. Leo, who presented a whole broadcast programme.

Mr. C. C. Juah, Deputy Colony Commissioner, then welcomed Bishop Halward on behalf of those present and congratulated him on his "consecration" as Assistant Bishop.

The Commissioner told of his contacts with scouting in America and England and of the good reports which the Chief Scout, Lord Rownallan, had received on the revival of the movement in the Colony.

He then thanked the Association officers and local scouters for their time and devotion which made this revival possible and reminded all members of the movement to do at least one good turn a day.

The evening came to a close after some light refreshments and singing by all present of a few selected campfire songs.

## Film Review

The cult—there is no other name for it—among Hollywood film companies of South American music and dances is a thing which has to be seen to be believed. One after another the particularly noisy and vulgar "Sousa-American" musicals are turned out to delight audiences with their phoney dances and music no more South American than an Eskimo's love call.

"Thrill from Brazil" sounded, before I had seen it, just like another one of the series and I was prepared for over-decorated ladies, hips a-swing, rhumbaing eternally to the music of an insipid looking band, with a background story as mushy as the music. Instead I was pleasantly surprised. "Thrill from Brazil" has many beautifully arranged and costumed novelty dances which appear, strange in such a picture, to be based on authentic dances.

Particularly startling and brilliantly executed was a feature called "A Man is a Brother to a Mule." To do this kind of thing successfully requires much co-ordination of lighting, settings, music and camera work of a high order.

"Thrill from Brazil" has all these and so it succeeds—in places very well indeed. The background story, which doesn't intrude on the music and dances, is well handled by Keenan Wynn (in his first star part) and Evelyn Keyes and has a very witty dialogue.

"Thrill from Brazil" is a surprise which is the exception to prove the rule.

Bombay, Dec. 7. Police opened fire during the night to disperse rioters in the Byculla area in Central Bombay. One was killed and four were injured, the Bombay Government's noon communique stated today. There were no incidents between sunrise and noon, the communique added.—Reuter.

# SCAP Official's Scathing Attack On "Red Star"

Tokyo, Dec. 8. In a searing statement bristling with such terms as "misstatement" and "misrepresentation," a high SCAP official today accused the Red Star (Soviet Army newspaper) of "ill-considered propaganda" which "does not further Allied objectives" in Japan.

(The Red Star, in an article Dec. 6 by correspondent A. Sibirsky, said General Douglas MacArthur was pursuing a reactionary policy here. The Sibirsky article attacked MacArthur personally which is believed to be the first time a Soviet writer has included him in written comments on the occupation.)

The "high SCAP official," who otherwise was unidentified, said "the Red Star article is a fabrication of misstatement and misrepresentation" and remarked scornfully "reference (by the Red Star writer) to 'aggressive American quarters' is not worthy of comment."

Answering the Soviet newspaper's allegation that MacArthur is supporting "the reactionary policy of the present Japanese (Yoshida) Government," the SCAP official declared:

## MacArthur Speaking?

"It is patent that any observer who seeks the fact of the Soviet press allegations that SCAP is supporting any particular Government is without basis."

The statement, which indubitably had MacArthur's approval, further highlighted his feelings toward the Russians with whose ideology he is known to disagree. To the Red Star accusation that the Americans would like to convert the Allied Council into "a cumbersome, clumsy organ" for "endless talks," the SCAP official replied: "The Council was not intended to be investigative or inquisitory."

"Nor is it intended to be used as a springboard for propaganda which appears ignorant of the essentials of democracy to which the Japanese are hopefully turning their faces."

## Labour's Freedom

The SCAP official said Japanese former officers now serving on demobilization boards which pre-

cess the Nipponese servicemen into civilian life "are utilized pursuant to Allied policy and will necessarily continue their duties under SCAP surveillance, until large numbers of Japanese prisoners abroad, most of whom are in Soviet hands, are repatriated."

That statement said flatly that Russian allegations regarding warnings against public demonstrations and "measures to suppress labour" are "false."

"There is no country in the world where the people enjoy greater freedom to conduct orderly demonstrations," the official asserted. "Development of the labour movement has been with SCAP encouragement and support. There is no country in the world where labour has more freedom to organize or greater opportunity to make its voice effectively heard."—Associated Press.

## Chinese Offers A Cemetery

Melbourne, Dec. 8. A Chinese businessman has offered the Australian Government the freehold of the beautiful Empire War Cemetery overlooking Ambon Harbour, it was disclosed here today.

In this cemetery lie 731 Australians and 351 Imperial Army men killed by massacre or ill-treatment by the Japanese. In a moving letter just received in Melbourne by the Australian War Graves Commission, T. K. Lim, owner of a transportation company in Ambon, wrote:

"I made many relations and friends with the Australian soldiers stationed at Ambon. The cemetery where many of them lie at Galala is situated on the property of my friend, Tan Tock."

"It is my intention to purchase this part of his plantation and present the cemetery to the Australian Government as a free gift and kind memory to my friends. After the War Graves Unit leaves Ambon I will see that the cemetery is cleaned five times a year."

"Perhaps it will be possible to hold religious services there sometimes, and when Australians and British Empire representatives come to view the graves I will help to look after them."—Reuter.

## WELFARE OF PACIFIC PEOPLES

Canberra, Dec. 7. Dr. Herbert Evatt, Minister for External Affairs, announced yesterday that a conference of powers with territorial interests in the Pacific on the subject of welfare of native peoples, would open in Canberra on Jan. 28 or early in February.

The governments which have accepted invitations are Britain, France, New Zealand and the Netherlands. The Indonesian Republic will not be invited because the Dutch territory affected will be confined to Dutch New Guinea.—Associated Press.

## U.S. Policy In China To Be Changed?

Washington, Dec. 8. State Department Far East experts agree that United States policy toward China probably must be overhauled if all-out Chinese civil war breaks out. They were not, however, convinced that the situation was hopeless.

Responsible sources said the re-summation of Nationalist-Communist negotiations was possible if the National Assembly adopted the reformist constitution presented by Chiang Kai-shek and adhered to it.

The sources said General George Marshall would not be remaining in China if he thought there was no chance for settlement.

Currently four possible courses of action are being advanced by groups both in and out of the Government:

1. All-out financial support of Chiang as a bulwark against Russia.
2. Continuation of the present policy of neutrality in the civil war, with limited economic support to the Chinese Government.
3. "Get tough" policy, offering aid to the Chinese Government with insistence on reforms to end the civil war.
4. Get out of China entirely.—United Press.

## LEBANESE TO CHOOSE

Beirut, Dec. 7. Lebanese subjects overseas—now recognized as Turkish nationals for failing to register within a limited period—will get a new two-year opportunity to choose between Turkish and Lebanese nationality, under an agreement between Lebanon and Turkey, announced here today.—Reuter.

## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT NOTICE

### CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL, KOWLOON

The Easter Term at the above school will commence on Monday, 6th January, 1947.

The final date for receiving applications for registration of new pupils for next term will be Saturday, 28th December, 1946. These should be addressed to the Headmaster, Central British School, Kowloon and should contain the following information:—Prospective pupil's name in full, date of birth, previous school, whether in the Colony now, if not, expected date of arrival.

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STORED AT CHINA PROVIDENT GODOWNS NOS. 3/4, WEST POINT, Old Books & Paper; Cotton Piece-goods; Fruit Essences; Electric Fans; Torchlights; Electric Heaters; Camphor Wood Trunks; Clothing & Personal Effects; Suitcases & Trunks; Lamps & Lamp Shades; Lead Ore; Emery Power; Graphite Powder; New Platform Scales; Soap; Woolen Yarn; etc.

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The above-mentioned articles will be open to inspection at their respective godowns on the 7th & 8th December, 1946, between 10 a.m. and noon, and inspection permits will be issued by the Undersigned at the Service Auction Rooms.

The Auction is subject to the Conditions of Sale published in the Hong Kong (British Military Administration) Gazette Notification No. 22.

A.E.B. DE SOUSA, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1946.

LAMMERT BROS. Auctioneers, Surveyors and Appraisers, Pedder Building, Telephone No. 20294.

NOTICE The next Meeting of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong will take place on Tuesday, 10th, at 12.30 p.m. in the Gloucester Hotel as usual. Mr. H. G. W. Woodhead, C.B.E., will address the meeting on "Basic English."

NOTICE Any person having information of the present whereabouts of any members of the LEE family, who previously resided at No. 224 Prince Edward Road, is requested to communicate with the Secretary, Urban Council Office, Post Office Building, top floor.

NOTICE It is hereby notified that Sealed Tenders in duplicate will be received at the office of the Custodian of Property until noon on Friday, 13th December, for the purchase of the following unclaimed articles:—

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(1) 18 cases Nitric Acid China Provident No. 43  
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(3) 80 c/s broken & short contents)  
(4) 9 coils Galvanized Wire  
(5) 23 cases Torches  
(6) 18 cases Propellers  
(7) 1250 cases Washing Soap (said to be 2 1/2 cwt. per case)  
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CUSTODIAN OF PROPERTY, Hongkong, 2nd December, 1946

## GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fifty-third Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 11th December, 1946, at NOON, for the purpose of confirming the appointment of the Board of Directors and receiving their Report together with Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1945, and for the period 1st January, 1946, to 31st December, 1945.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. TAYLOR, Manager & Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th Nov., 1946.

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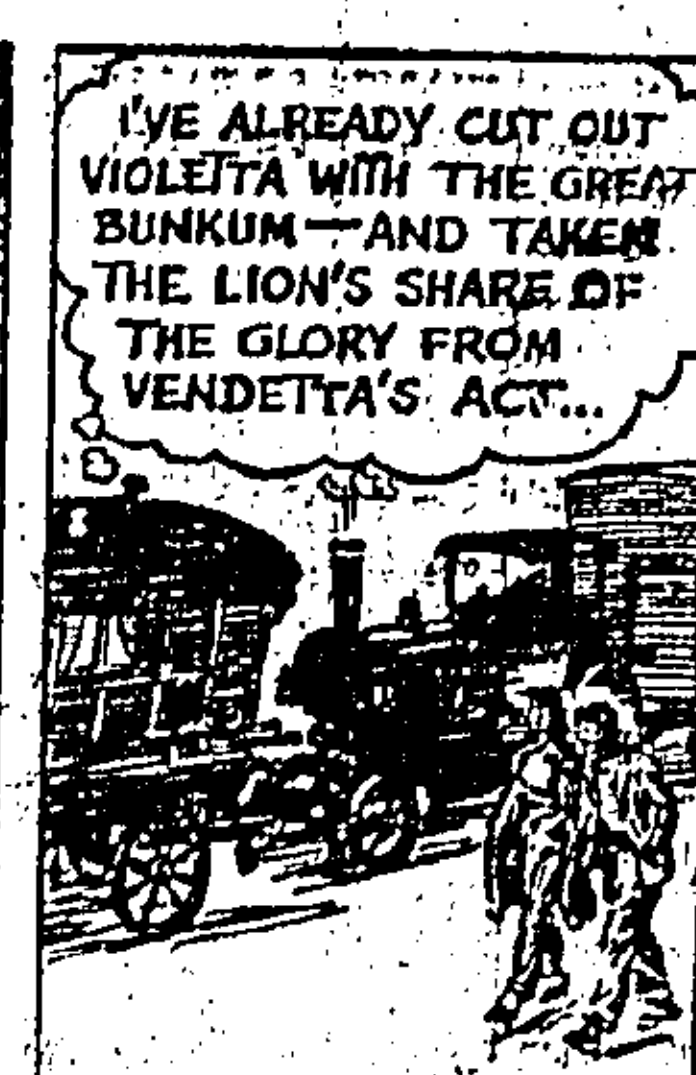
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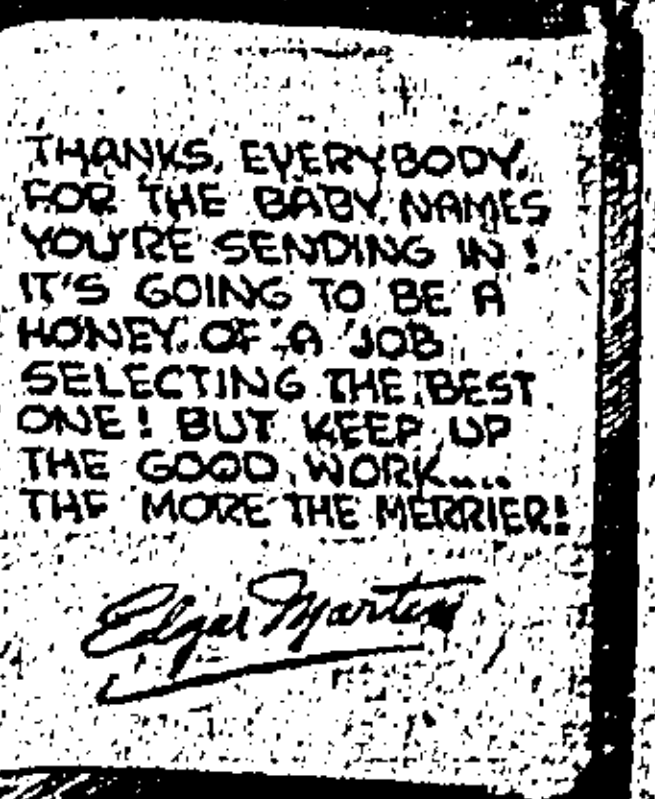
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IN THIS ARTICLE DR. TSENG YU-HAO, PH. D.  
GIVES AN ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION OF THE

## Sino-American Pact

The Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation between the United States of America and the Republic of China, signed on Nov. 4, 1946, at Nanking, has been, according to a report of the official Central News Agency, approved by the Supreme War Council and ratified by the Legislative Yuan.

Until, however, the United States Senate votes to accept this new instrument, it is not the law of the land as far as the American nation is concerned. In view of the fact that even the great President Wilson failed in influencing a reluctant upper house to agree upon his Versailles commitments, and that President Truman's Democratic Administration is facing now a Congress with an opposition Republican majority, ready to take advantage of him for political reasons, an analysis and interpretation of the new Sino-American pact may be interesting and useful for observers of Far Eastern as well as Washington politics.

To students of International Law and East Asiatic Diplomacy the new Sino-American agreement presents several salient features. First, it reaffirms those provisions of 1913 relating to the relinquishment of the ancient regime known as extraterritoriality and consular jurisdiction in which the subjects of a so-called Treaty Power "who may commit any crime in China shall be tried and punished by the Consul or Public Functionary authorized thereto according to the Laws of the said Treaty Power." Such an archaic institution, called the Capitulations in the Levant, was abolished by the Treaty of Lansanne, 1923. In Japan, the system was abrogated after the Treaty of Shimonoseki, 1895, when the Christian countries regarded the Mikado's Empire as "civilized" because "she has learned now to kill." It is natural therefore for the High Contracting Parties to declare and reiterate the principle that the abolition of such a government within a government as final and absolute.

Accordingly, Article 11 of the new Sino-American Treaty provides that "the nationals of either High Contracting Party shall be subject, within the territories of the other High Contracting Party to the applicable laws and regulations if any, which are or may hereafter be enforced by the constituted authorities." The High Contracting Parties undertake, however, the responsibility for protecting the life and property of such nationals as required by International Law. Those accused of any crime shall be promptly brought to trial. They shall be given the rights and privileges to defend themselves. No property shall be taken without due process of law and without the prompt payment of just and effective compensation, including facilities to obtain foreign exchange for the purpose. Those nationals within the custody of the authorities "shall receive reasonable and human treatment."

Secondly, the old Customs Tariffs, restricting China's sovereign rights to "the general rate of five per cent ad valorem" no longer exist under the new convention. "Laws, regulations of administrative authorities and decisions of administrative or judicial authorities of each High Contracting Party pertaining to the classification of articles for customs purposes or to rates of duty shall be published promptly in such a manner as to enable traders to become acquainted with them." No new or increased rates shall be applied to goods already on route. Proper procedure shall be adopted in order to enable appeal against fines and penalties imposed by the Customs authorities. Each government shall accord sympathetic consideration to "representations" with respect to the operation or administration of import or export prohibitions or restrictions, quantities, as they buy, and Sir Stafford Crisp rightly emphasized the need to improve the balance of trade with those countries. With the volume of exports now at 110 per cent of pre-war Britain has still a good way to go to achieve the target of 175 per cent, estimated to be necessary both to cover indispensable imports and to meet commitments abroad. It is an aim which can only be achieved by dint of harder work and immediate sacrifices, and nothing that stands in the way of greater production should be contemplated for a moment.

Thirdly, the much condemned system of "alien rights" on inland waters in China has, thirdly, been made reciprocal. "The vessels of either High Contracting Party shall have liberty, equally with the vessels of any third country, to come with their cargoes to all ports, places and waters of the other High Contracting Party which are, or may hereafter be open to foreign commerce and navigation." No duties and no discriminatory measures shall be followed, unless they are likewise imposed on national vessels.

The Comintern sympathizers have consistently criticized this stipulation as to enable the United States citizens to control Chinese interior trade, whereas there is no possibility for the Chinese in America to carry on shipping business.

Perhaps it should be noted that such navigation rights are granted only to those ports "open to foreign commerce and navigation." In short, China can close as many places as she likes to alien trade and industry.

Fourthly, the extra-treaty institution of foreign concessions and international settlements is done away with. A Treaty Power national's rights are not limited to the Treaty Ports as in the old days. "The nations, corporations and associations of either High Contracting Party shall enjoy, throughout the territories of the other High Contracting Party, and in conformity with the applicable laws and regulations, if any, which are or may hereafter be enforced by the duly constituted authorities, the right to organize and participate in, including the right to control and manage, corporations and associations of such High Contracting Party for engaging in commercial, manufacturing, processing, scientific, educational, religious and philanthropic activities." Such a right may however not necessary be as favourable as that accorded to "its own nationals."

If one High Contracting Party can enforce measures less favourable to the nationals of the other High Contracting Party within the former's territory, it seems difficult if not impossible for the latter's nationals to dominate when engaged in the activities stimulated. One party may resort to Chief Justice John Marshall's well-known dictum that the power to tax is the power to destroy. Critics apprehensive of abuses resulted from this last-mentioned clause do not therefore appear to be on substantial foundation.

The limitation of Chinese persons in the United States, fifthly, does not find any

variation in this new pact, which insists that "nothing in this Treaty shall be construed to affect existing statutes of either High Contracting Party in relation to immigration or the right of either High Contracting Party to enact statutes relating to immigration."

According to the Burlingame Treaty of 1868, concluded when the United States needed badly Chinese labourers for opening the frontiers and when the Manchu Criminal Code still made it a grave offence for Chinese subjects to emigrate, nationals of the Ta Tsing Emperor were welcome to America as a *qui pro quo* arrangement. Later the question of Chinese labourers became an "embarrassment" to the Federal Government. Congress simply enacted the so-called Chinese Exclusion Acts in violation of United States' international obligations to China. Such legislation was upheld by the Supreme Court of the United States in the two celebrated cases of *Chae Chan Ping v. United States*, 130 U.S. (1889), and *Fong Yue Ting v. United States*, 149 U.S. 698 (1933).

Chinese resentment to America's violation of treaty rights resulted in a general anti-American boycott movement early in this century. As a measure of appeasement Washington remitted a back portion of its Boxer, Indemnity funds for the education of Chinese youths in China and America.

Sixthly, "the most favoured nation" clause, binding one contracting state to grant to its co-signer all the privileges similarly granted to all other states, is provided. Nationals of both parties in each other's territory shall not "receive treatment with respect to such rights and privileges less favourable than the treatment which is or may hereafter be accorded to the nationals of any third country."

Seventhly, the United States citizens in China have for years been complaining that their scientific and scholarly rights were being infringed upon. In the case of *MacMillan Co. v. The Commercial Press* twenty years ago, Shanghai's Mixed Court, under the domination of a foreign assessor, definitely regretted that while the Mixed Court realised the immorality of the defendant's part, nevertheless the same Court could not issue a writ of injunction restraining the Commercial Press from pirating the famous Webster's Collegiate Dictionary.

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S. 10 5 4  
H. Q. 6 2  
D. K. Q. J 9 2  
C. A 3  
S. Q 3  
H. A. K. J 9  
D. 7 5 3  
C. 10 8  
S. A. K. Q 7 6  
H. 8 4  
D. 10 8  
C. K. Q 5  
(Dealer West North-South vulnerable.)

West North East South  
Pass 1 D Pass 1 S  
2 H 4 D Pass 3 S  
Pass 4 S  
West, a doughty old-timer in erudite rubber bridge circles, scored his heart K and A and then

led the J into the dummy's Q. That J told East, another veteran star, the entire story. He knew West was asking him to ruff high if he had any high trump. So the J was used instead of the deuce. South ever-ruffed with the A, which of course set up a trick for West's Q. The declarer didn't know this, however, until he laid down the K in an effort to drop the Q. Now having to lose tricks to the diamond A and spade Q, South was set.

It was good to see that old signal work, after many years of not witnessing it. Failure to use it, such as West leading his fourth-best to the third trick—would have made the path smooth and easy for South, as East then would have ruffed low.

## Tomorrow's Problem

S. A. Q 6  
H. 7 4 3  
D. J 6 4 3  
C. J 5 2  
S. J 9 7 5  
H. 10 9 5  
D. 9 2  
C. 10 9 8 7  
S. 8 3 2  
H. K 6 8  
D. K. Q 10 7  
C. A. K 4  
(Dealer East. Neither side vulnerable.)

How should East try to beat South's No Trump game? Two tricks, after West leads the heart 10?

## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"You don't have to pray before meals here, parson—the new cook is pretty good!"

## Miracles Do Not Exist - - Piccard

Basle, Dec. 7.

Miracles do not exist, 62-year-old Professor Auguste Piccard, Swiss scientist who first explored the stratosphere by going up ten miles in a balloon in 1932, told a Basle audience today.

He is now planning a deep sea diving expedition to reach a depth of 13,000 feet.

of diplomatic and consular agents whom the Manchu rulers resisted so much as to lose two wars are, rightly, accepted as a matter of course. "The Government of each High Contracting Party shall have the right to send to the Government of the other High Contracting Party duly accredited diplomatic representatives who shall be received and, upon the basis of reciprocity, shall enjoy in the territories of such other High Contracting Party the rights, privileges, exemptions and immunities accorded under generally recognised principles of international law."

The ninth feature of the new agreement is the guarantee for religious and educational liberties which the American missionaries have been carrying on to the benefit of the Chinese for the last one and half century. Thus Article XII says: "The nationals of either High Contracting Party shall throughout the territories of the other High Contracting Party be permitted to exercise liberty of conscience and freedom of worship and to establish schools for the education of their children and they may, whether individually, collectively or in religious or educational corporations or associations, and without annoyance or molestation of any kind by reason of their religious belief or otherwise, conduct religious

Professor Piccard, whose subject was "The end of the world," said: "A miracle is a phenomenon which contradicts the laws of nature. But these laws admit every possibility—there is no such thing as a miracle and therefore no contrast between faith and science."

He declared that it was "nonsense" to say that science has proved that there can be no God.

There was little danger of the earth being destroyed by collision with another heavenly body, he said. "Nor does it seem likely that the solar system will be deranged by the impact of another star at the elliptical orbit of the earth, thus extending it until it becomes a hyperbole, along which our planet would hurtle into space, never to return," Professor Piccard added.

A greater danger came from the sun itself which derived its energy from atomic reaction. It should be able to do so for another thousand million years, becoming hotter and hotter—then it will cool off and we shall freeze and that will be the end of "homo sapiens," he said.

As for the future, "we can forget what will perhaps happen within a relatively short time but it is impossible to foresee what will happen in thousands of years. For in the meantime the smallest elementary processes may produce incalculable results," he said.

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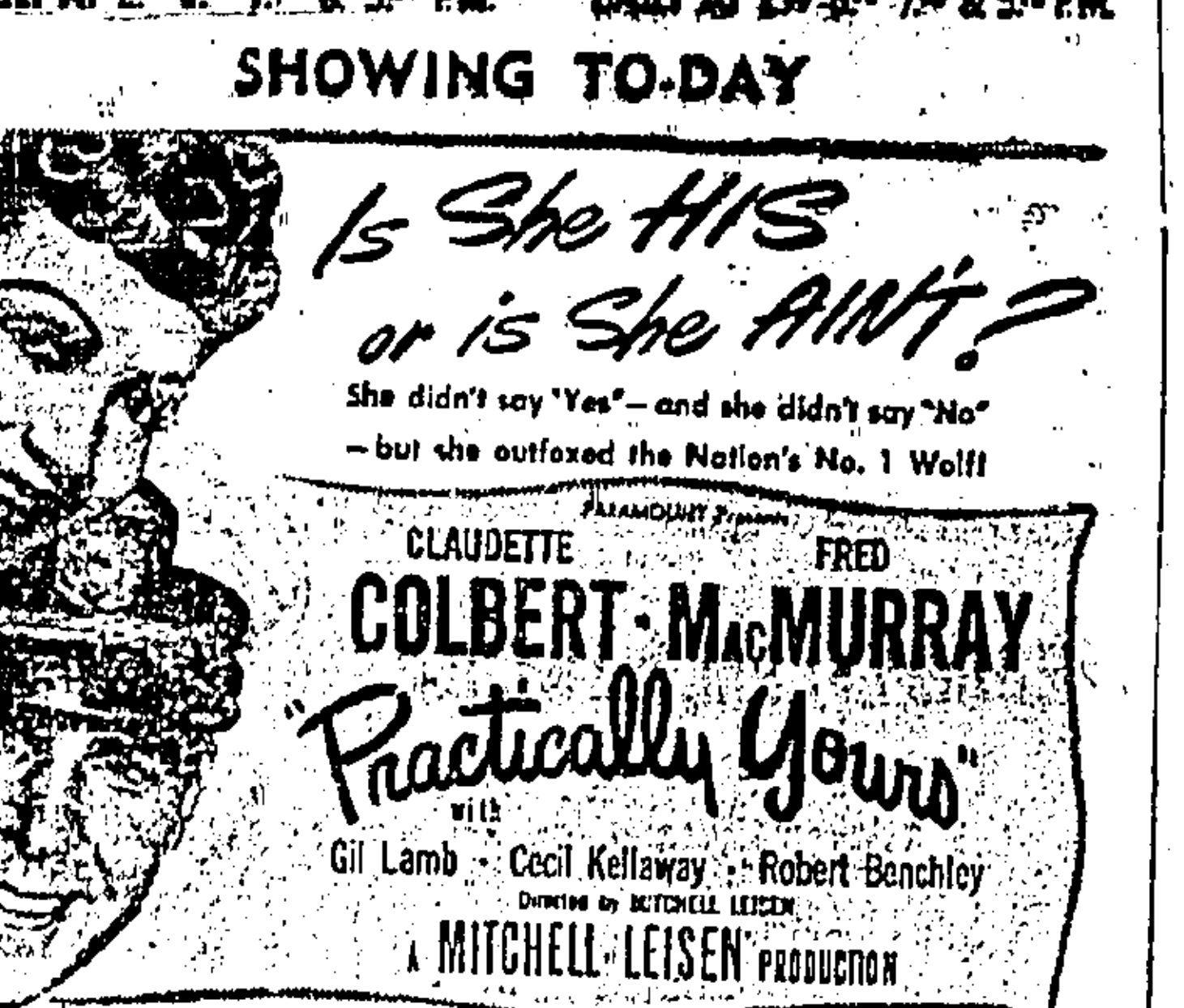
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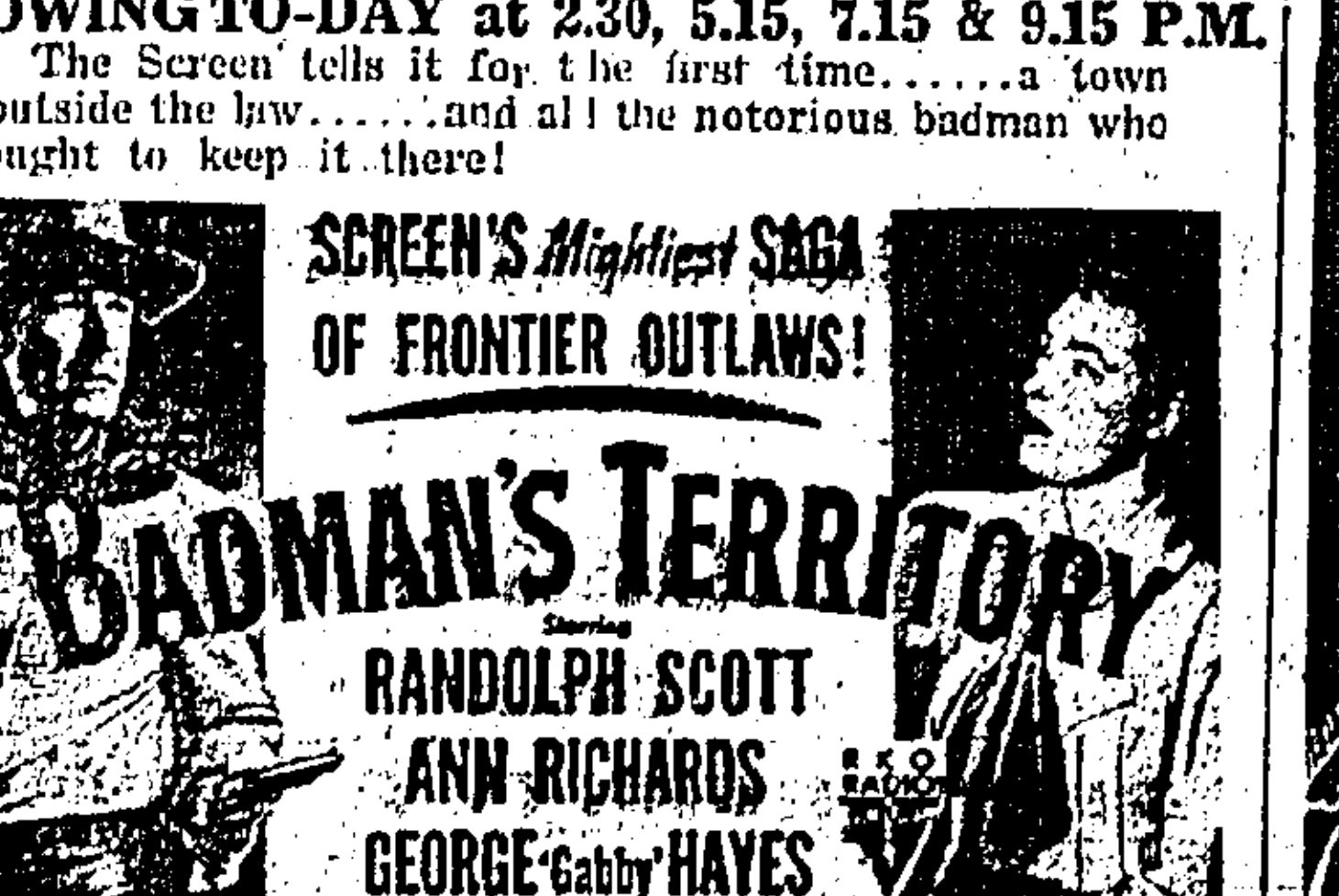
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# FOREIGN MINISTERS' TRIUMPH OF ENDURANCE

London, Dec. 7.  
This week has seen the virtual completion of work on the first five peace treaties—those with Italy, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria and Finland. As such, writes Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent, it marks the end of an epoch which started most inauspiciously in London in September, 1945, with the first meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

Next week a further stage will open with the preliminary talks on the German peace settlement.

In retrospect, the completion of work on the first five treaties can be seen to be a triumph of endurance. Its three stages, through the Council of Foreign Ministers, the Paris Conference last summer, and back to the Council of Foreign Ministers, has lasted close on fifteen months.

It is by now impossible to count the number of occasions on which prophets have feared that no agreed texts would ever be produced. That they have been produced is due to the sticking capacity of the chief negotiators who have fought their way out of numberless deadlocks, breakdowns and crises, to solution. This, however imperfect, will end the technical continuation of a state of war over a large part of Europe, with all the frustration and hindrance to reconstruction it has entailed.

**Important Phases**  
The experience of the first phase of peacemaking may well provide a precedent for the two more important phases that are to follow—those relating to Germany and Austria and to the Far East. And the main lesson to emerge is that the diplomatic negotiations have run their stubborn but essentially normal course.

The resulting treaties reflect closely the power of relationships of the great nations mainly responsible for their drafting. The protracted nature of the negotiations has been largely the fruit of a combination of stubbornness and skill in manoeuvre that the Big Four have displayed.

In a sense it has only been possible to complete the treaties by removing some of the more serious problems from their scope. Into this category comes the future of the Italian empire and navigational control of the Danube, which are both to be subjects of special conferences during 1947. And it would be optimistic to suppose that administration of the statute of Trieste (drawn up to provide a complicated system of checks and balances between the Governor and the Legislative Assembly and to leave remote control still in the hands of the Big Four powers through the Security Council) will proceed with friction. But it remains true that the Council of Foreign Ministers have reached a landmark which for a long looked unattainable.

If the Western powers need any more lessons in appreciation of Soviet diplomacy than those provided by the Council

of Foreign Ministers, it is clear that they will get them in various organs of the United Nations.

**Molotov Masterly**  
Mr. Molotov's speeches this week of disarmament have been masterpieces of subtlety and skill. No one yet cares to give an opinion on the extent to which Mr. Molotov's concessions about the operation of the veto in supervision of disarmament are real. But the initial rejoicings over the Soviet Union's agreement that the international commission controlling disarmament shall be unimpeded by any veto have given way to speculation about the extent in practice to which these commissions will be subject to the control of the Security Council, where the veto goes operative.

Even so, in the General Assembly, as in the Council of Foreign Ministers, hours of involved discussion do seem to be leading to control of atomic energy and other aspects of disarmament.

Nothing has yet leaked out about the result of Mr. Bevin's talks on Palestine with Mr. Byrnes and various Zionist leaders. Since the Palestine conference is to be postponed, the conclusions, if any, that (Continued at foot of next Col.)

# Germany Land Of Women

Berlin, Dec. 7.  
Berlin's population of 3,170,832 is composed of about 60 percent women, census figures released by the Allied Kommandantur disclosed yesterday, and is typical of all Germany, which is still waiting the return of nearly 4,000,000 prisoners of war.

Berlin has 1,885,466 females against 1,285,376 males. The Soviet sector of the city is the most populous with 1,170,297 inhabitants.

Populations in other sectors are: American zone, 975,504; British, 602,530 and French 421,368.

In Berlin alone, census statistics show that more than 1,000 Germans are living on river and canal barges—Associated Press.

Mr. Bevin has reached, unlikely to remain in cold storage until the New Year.

The successful conclusion of the British and United States zone merger is being criticised both in France and in quarters sympathetic to the Soviet Union. These criticisms suggest that it may still be very difficult to complete the economic unification of Germany by bringing the French and Soviet zones of occupation into the scheme.

## Communist Hint

French criticism concentrates on the political danger feared in the elimination of zonal barriers. The fact that the merger was concluded during the visit to England of the German Social Democratic leader, Dr. Kurt Schumacher, has tended to increase French suspicion that Britain and the United States are unduly concerned to build up Germany. France, of course, was never a party to the Potsdam Agreement that Germany should be treated as an economic whole.

Soviet comment on the merger has been much more reserved. The first indication that it may be regarded as a hindrance to the unification of Germany as a whole was given by the London Communist paper, "Daily Workers," yesterday in terms that may prove significant.

"What are the effects to be foreseen?" the paper asks. "First the fusing of the two zones—organised on such separatist lines will split Germany. It will facilitate the policy of the Western bloc. Secondly the progress of democratic reform within the zones will be hampered."

It remains the official British view that the Anglo-American zone merger will not split Germany, unless the Soviet Union forces a split by refusing ever to join in fusion. But the eventual Soviet attitude is not now likely to be decided until after Mr. Molotov has returned to Moscow, and next week's discussions on Germany in New York do not now look like getting beyond the agenda, stage—Reuter.

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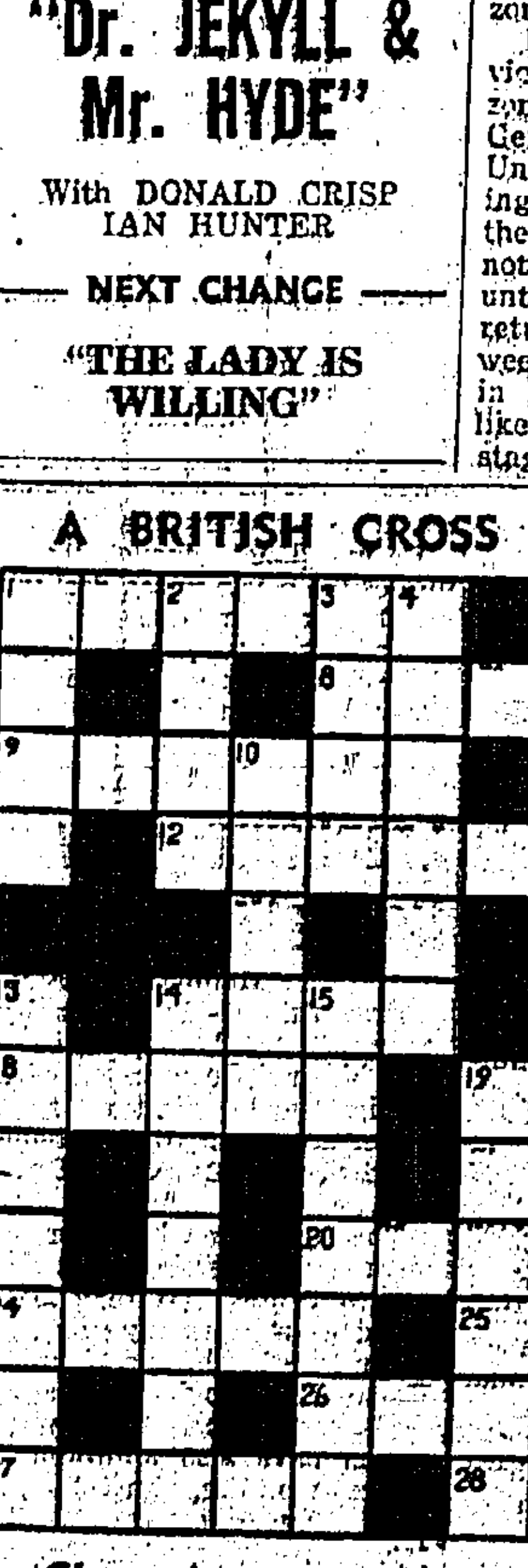
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# Britain Buys Oils From Argentina

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San Francisco, Dec. 8.  
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 The regulation has been effective since Dec. 2.—Associated Press.

# Siamese Tin Unfrozen

Bangkok, Dec. 8.  
 Siam's tin was released to world markets yesterday when the country signed papers with Britain and Australia resuming terms of the peace agreement signed with the two countries last Jan. 1 at Singapore which froze tin exports.  
 The action is reported to have released 16,000 tons of tin taken from British and Australian owned mines here.  
 The announcement said that the Siamese Government, which mined the tin during the war, will get a cost of \$270 a ton while the British and Australian owners will get a profit.  
 At the same time, it was announced that a joint British American, Australian and Siamese tin board had been set up to advise the industry.  
 Exports will be cleared with the Combined Tin Board at Washington, the announcement said.—Associated Press.

# New York Exchanges

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